

Proton Therapy Journey in GCCC

(For Visa Holders)

1. Online Request

Your journey typically begins with an online request. Our case manager will understand your medical needs and goals and introduce our hospital and the Proton Therapy Center. The case manager will provide non-clinical assistance throughout your journey in GCCC.

2. Video Consultation

The case manager will support you to prepare all necessary medical records (We accept materials in either English or Chinese) according to a checklist and schedule a video consultation with an experienced radiation oncologist. During the consultation, the radiation oncologist will review your medical history and diagnosis, and discuss your specific type of disease, needs and options.

3. Feedback on Video Consultation

After assessing your condition and determining that proton therapy is a suitable and potentially beneficial treatment option, the case manager will recommend you an attending physician, schedule the first onsite consultation and provide other relevant information.

4. Visa and Pre-trip Preparation

You and family need to start preparing for a Medical Visa (M visa) from the China Embassy in your region. We will provide necessary documents such as invitation letters and any other assistance.

5. Entry and Hospital Admission

You and family arrive in Guangzhou before the date of the consultation with your passport, the valid visa, and the invitation letter. A shuttle will be arranged for you and family to get to the hospital. Your case manager will support you with the admission procedures. We welcome at most two family members to accompany your stay in the hospital.

6. Precise Proton Therapy (1-2.5 months):

● Multidisciplinary Consultation

A multidisciplinary consultation (MDT) will be scheduled for you to confirm the final treatment plan. Please bring all the original medical records and translated copies with you to attend the discussion.

● Simulation, Delineation, Treatment Plan Formulation and Verification

1. A radiation therapist will help you to determine the optimal treatment position and perform a CT or MRI scan, under the supervision of our radiation oncologists and physicists. After acquiring images, the medical team will identify the target volume, determine the dose, develop the treatment plan and verify it for accuracy.

2. You will sign an informed consent form for the treatment after confirming the treatment plan, and a series of routine blood tests should be completed before treatment.

- **Implementation of Proton Therapy**

The treatment plan is patient-specific, and most patients will have 10 to 35 sessions to complete the treatment. While the beam delivery is short, the entire process from getting positioned to finishing irradiation might take 20 to 30 minutes.

7. Discharge and Follow-up

- After receiving a forehead notice for discharge, we will prepare the invoice, receipt, translated medical records and other relevant documents for you for the discharge procedures.
- After treatment course is complete, we will establish a health record for you and schedule follow-ups.
- Please carefully pack your luggage and check the customs regulations to ensure no prohibited items (such as tobacco and alcohol exceeding the limit, traditional Chinese medicine, etc.) are carried. Bring your passport and personal items and arrive at the airport according to the flight schedule.